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Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 6, 1969, in which you called Secretary Laird's attention to the adverse national security implications raised by S. 782, 91st Congress.

I share your concern that this bill, like its predecessors, continues to ignore the necessity of preserving the integrity of certain national security operations. I support measures to prevent unwarranted governmental invasions of privacy—but they should be enacted with due regard to our intelligence and security programs.

It is my hope that the 91st Congress will see fit to revise this proposal in line with the Defense Department's recommendations of May 7, 1968, to the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. Should you deem it advisable, I am prepared to have members of my staff meet with your representatives to develop a coordinated position on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Roger T. Kelley

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